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NEWS RELEASE - FIRE UPDATE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST:

Salmon River District - The Heavens Gate Complex has increased to a total of 16,600 acres and is at 50% containment. Estimated containment date is September 6. Black Butte Fire, located in the Gospel-Hump Wilderness, and is estimated at 13,000 acres. Green Acres Fire, located on the Nez Perce National Forest and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, is estimated at 3,510 acres. Horse Heaven Fire, (south of Green Acres Fire) also in Hells Canyon is estimated at 80 acres. McCrea Creek Fire on the Nez Perce National Forest is estimated at 10 acres.

There are 223 personnel on the fire: 3 aircraft, 4 handcrews, 4 engines, 4 water tenders and 3 bulldozers.

An 800-acre burnout in Hall and Forest Gulch will continue today with hand and aerial ignition to secure the west flank of the Black Butte Fire. Additional line will be prepared from Road No. 9919 southwest to Road No. 9917 to contain the head end of the burnout.

The burnout operation has resulted in new road and trail closures west of the Gospel-Hump Wilderness. **The closures affect Centennial Trail No. 88, Halls Gulch Road No. 9919 as well as roads 9913, 9917 and 9922.**

Closures associated with the Heavens Gate Complex Fires continue to change. The closure affecting Seven Devils Road No. 517 has been rescinded, making that road available for travel once again.

For more specific information regarding fire-related road, trail and area closures, visit your local Nez Perce National Forest office or view the Forest's website:

<http://fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/gvc/index>.

The Heavens Gate Complex is being managed by the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team. Heavens Gate Complex maps are available at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/incident/teams/stanich.html>

Please contact Information Officer Kimberly Nelson at (208) 628-3589 for further information on the complex.

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No new fires were reported on the Clearwater, Salmon River, Red River and Moose Creek districts.

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST:

No new fires were reported on the North Fork, Lochsa, Powell and Palouse Districts.

Middle Butte Road No. 483, Fish Butte Trail No. 2230 and Fish Butte Saddle Trail No. 229 have all re-opened.

Fire-related closures continue to affect all or parts of Tobboggan Ridge Road No. 581, Swamp Ridge Trail No. 22, Weitas Creek Trail No. 20, Weitas Butte Trail No. 103, Pot Mountain Trail No. 144, Larson Point Fire No. 160, Eagle Mountain Trail No. 206, Cayuse Creek Trail No. 249, Gravey Creek Trail No. 256, Lunde Ridge Trail No. 534, Potato Creek Trail No. 539, Bugle Point Trail No. 580 and Cave Point Trail No. 617.

For detailed descriptions of these road and trail closures on the Clearwater National Forest, stop by a Clearwater National Forest office or go to the Clearwater National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/VisitorInfo/Assets/travel_info.htm. For updates, call (208) 476-8267 or (208) 476-8279.

OTHER AGENCIES:

Craig Mountain (IDL), Maggie Creek (IDL), CPTPA and BLM reported no new fires.

For a detailed fire information, access the Grangeville Interagency Dispatch website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/gvc/index> or www.inciweb.org/
